to the weavers who were thrown out of employment owing to the slump in the handloom trade. It enabled the weavers to join weavers' co-operative societies by paying share capital with the interest-free loans granted to them. It assured the weavers continuous employment and a subsistence wage and also relieved them of the responsibility to market the cloths produced by them.

"(b) About 71,870 weavers were benefited, as nearly 14,374 looms were brought under the scheme, each loom giving work on an average to five persons."

12 noon. SRI N. K. PALANISWAMY :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ரயன் ஸ்கீம்படி கூலி விகிதம் ஒரு பொந்துக்கு ½ அணா என்று நிர்ணயிக்கப் பட்டிருந்தது. அதைப்போலவே இந்த செஸ்'பண்டு திட்டத்திலும் ஏன் கூலி விகிததை நிர்ணயிக்கக்கூடாதென்று நான கேட்கிறேன். "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is this scheme independent of the 'Ryan' scheme? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" This is the same scheme as that to which question No. 513 put to-day relates."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know the number of weavers in Malabar district benefited by this scheme, particularly because of the peculiar conditions of weaving factories in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no information on that matter."

Disreservation and assignment of Maharajagadai Reserve Forest for purposes of cultivation.

* 528 *Q.*—SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHI GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any arable lands in the Maharajagadai (Naralpalli) Reserve Forest in Krishnagiri taluk;

(b) if so, their extent;

(c) whether any representation has been received from the landless poor ex-tappers and ex-servicemen to deforest the site for assignment for cultivation purposes; and

(d) if so, the action taken on their representation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No, Sir. The Maharajagadai Reserve Forest is well wooded.

" (b) Does not arise.

" (c) Yes, Sir. Representations were received by me on 4th December 1953 from the residents of Maharajagadi village for disreservation and assignment of 800 acres in this Reserve Forests which is named 'Adaguttlabailu'.

" (d) The matter is under examination."